

●●● SETTING UP THE FUTURE

Young talent and hard work proves a good combination

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9
underclassmen

6
players on
a court

25
points to win
a game

It is not easy to play a demanding sport like volleyball, where matches have no time limit and can last five games. However, the guys JV team does a good job at keeping up with the demands of the sport.

The team had practices that would last two to three hours. At practice they would do drills to help improve everything from spiking to setting to learning how to serve an ace.

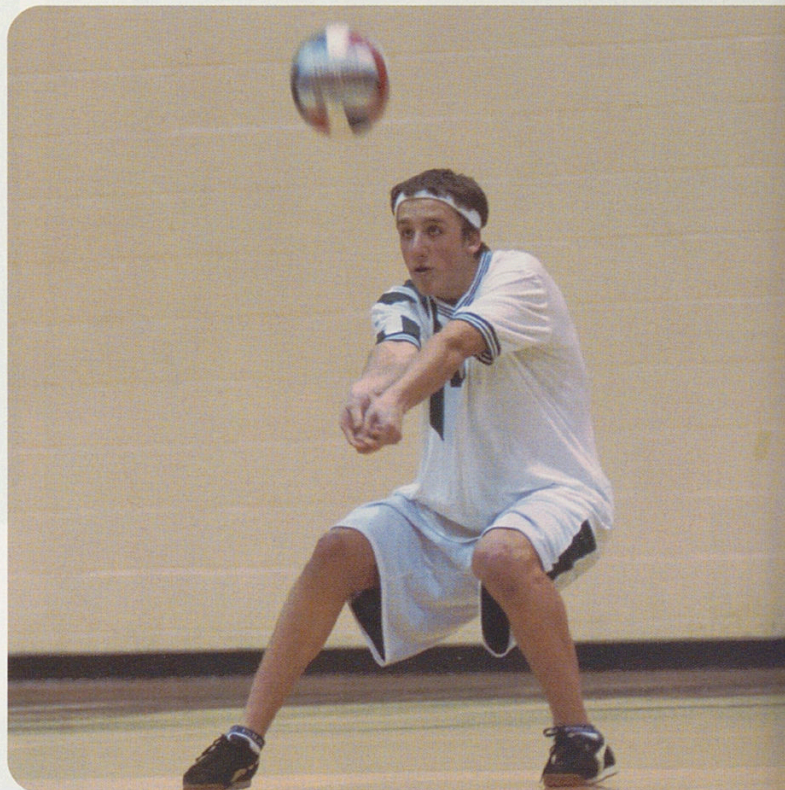
"Practice was hard especially for the freshman because we had to set up all the nets and equipment before each practice and game," said **Justin Butler, 9**.

After the hard practices the team had to prove what they were made of on the court. The team had to travel out to Elder, where they faced their toughest opponent.

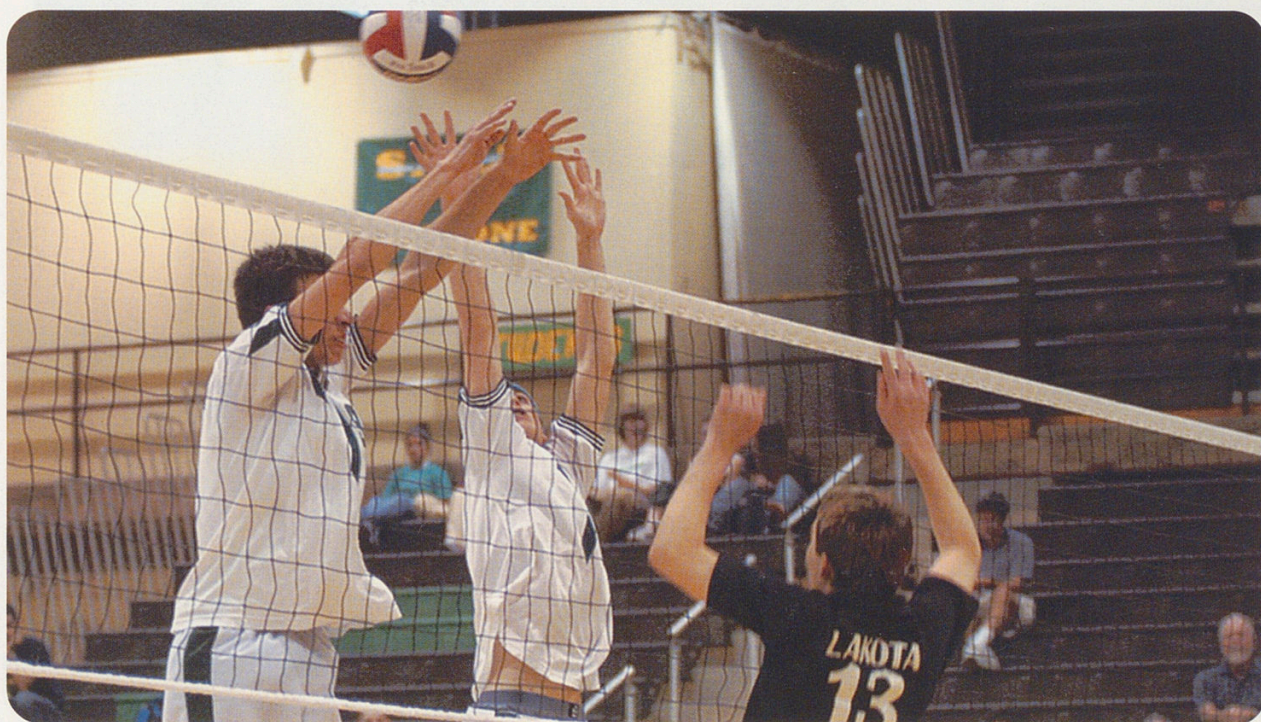
"A lot of matches were really close. We did have to travel a lot to get to them and the bus rides were really boring," said **Nicko Suntay, 10**.

Even if it did not always work out on the court the team was always there for each other off the court. They would spend time going out to dinner and bonding as a team to help improve their on the court connection.

"Throughout our grueling season our tight-knit team improved greatly and we had a lot of fun playing together," said **Stuart Soloman, 11**.



Michael Mallette, 11 bunts the ball back during the game. Volleyball games can last up to five games, the first team to win three out of the five games wins the match. Each game is played to 25 with the team having to win by two points.



Reaching to new heights, Robert Faulkner, 11, tries to get the ball back over the net. The team played a tough game against Lakota East and came out with the victory in the end. The team had to travel a lot playing over half of their games away at other schools.